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COUNTRY East Germany

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Plauen

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1

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REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)REMARKS An excerpt of this report was previously
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1. At 7 a.m. on 5 October 1953, 3 trucks [REDACTED] occupied each by 10 to 12 officers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets left the Hindenburg Kaserne in Plauen toward Gera. On the morning of 7 October, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 x 120-mm mortars, 3 SU-76s including [REDACTED] trucks [REDACTED] 25X1

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[REDACTED] tank truck [REDACTED] were lined up in the barracks yard. At about 5 a.m. on 8 October, the troops left the barracks installation on the aforementioned vehicles. The installation was about 5 percent occupied on 8 October.

2. Until about noon on 8 October, troops from the Koenig Georg Kaserne, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen in town buying foodstuff. Some of them stated that they would leave the same day. At about 2 p.m., about 30 trucks and 6 x 76-mm AT guns drove into the barracks yard. Source believed that some of the troops in the installation left the installation with these vehicles and weapons the following night. The barracks installation was 25 to 50 percent lighted at dusk. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were identified in traffic to and from the installation. 25X1

3. On 8 October, the Kirchbach Kaserne was 25 to 50 percent occupied. No observations indicating the departure of the troops were made. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were identified at the installation.

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4. On 8 October, source learned from soldiers stationed in the former German garrison hospital that some of the troops at the installation were presumably engaged in maneuvers at Ohrdruf. Jeep [REDACTED] was identified at the hospital. 25X1

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Comment. Report confirms that the elements of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Plauen also participated in the fall maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army in the Jena-Weimar-Ohrdruf area. Shipments observed indicated that the bulk of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div presumably assembled in the area south of Weimar from Ohrdruf on 9 and 10 October 1953.

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